of Karnataka are pending with the Central Government for clearance ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the said pending projects ; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Of the four new major project proposals received from the Government of Karnataka, two have since been appraised, and the other two were not in the list of projects included in the Seventh Plan. However, comments on some of the aspects have already been sent to the State Government for compliance and reply.

Farmers' share in the National Income

*443. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the farmers' share in the National Income as in 1950-51 *vis a-vis* in 1985-86;

(b) what was the amount of estimated loans given to the farming sector in the year 1986-87 from financial institutions like commercial banks, rural banks, co-operative banks and land development banks and also the loans from other sources;

(c) what is the estimated amount of interest being paid by the 'farming sector' on its total loans;

(d) what is the estimated impact of the above on the farming sector's financial condition; and

(e) whether the recent suicides by certain cotton-growing farmers in Andhra Pradesh, etc. is indicative of the declining and precarious financial position of the farming sector, if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI) : (a) The information on farmers' income as a distinct component of National Income is not comiled by CSO while computing the National Income and other aggregates. However, the data relating to the share of agriculture sector in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost at 1970-71 prices shows that the share was 57% in 1950-51 and 34.5% in 1985-86.

(b) The estimated amount of loans given to the farming sector in the year 1986-87 from financial institutions viz., commercial banks, regional rural banks and cooperative banks was Rs. 8068.72 crores according to the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(c) and (d) Reserve Bank of India and NABARD have informed that the information on the estimated amount of interest being paid by the farming sector on its total loans is not generated by the present system of data collection.

(e) No, Sir.

Ratio between the population and the High Court Judges

*446. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law Commission suggested any ratio to be

maintained between the population of a State and the number of judges to be provided for the High Court of that State ;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made for different States;

(c) what is the present ratio obtaining in the High Courts of different States; and

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint more judges to different High Courts in pursuance of the Law Commission's recommendations.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Report of the Law Commission does not indicate any judge-population ratio in respect of High Courts.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There has not been any study in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

सिंचाई क्षमता का उपयोग

***447. श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बड़ी और मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता का उपयोग छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता के औसत उपयोग के बराबर नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बड़ी और मध्यम स्तर की सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता की तुलना में छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता का अधिक उपयोग किया जाता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार देश में भविष्य की योजनाएं बनाते समय छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को प्राथमिकता देने का विचार रखती है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री० बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) छठी योजना के अन्त तक, वृहद और मध्यम सिंचाई से 30.01 मिलियन हेक्टेयर और लघु सिंचाई कार्यों से 37.52 मिलियन हेक्टेयर की सिंचाई क्षमता सृजित की गयी है । इसका उपयोग क्रमश. 25.33 मि० हे० है और 35.25 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है ।

लघु सिंचाई के विकास पर पहले ही यथोचित ध्यान दिया जा रहा है । सातवीं योजना के लिए अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता लक्ष्य का दो-तिहाई भाग लघु सिंचाई से प्राप्त करना है ।

Sale of U.S. 155 mm. Howitzers to Pakistan

*448. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether United States has decided to sell to Pakistan 155mm. Howitzers at a cost of 40 million dollars : and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up this issue with US Government to persuade the Reagan Administration to drop the decision ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARA-